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**STATUTORY INITIATIVE RELATED TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED WHEAT SUBMITTED TO
SECRETARY OF STATE**

BISMARCK, ND – According to Secretary of State Al Jaeger, a proposed petition to initiate a statutory measure has been submitted to the Secretary of State's office for review and approval to circulate. The proposed constitutional initiative relates to genetically modified wheat. The stated purpose of the measure is to protect export and domestic markets, the state's economy, phytosanitary standards, and environment.

Karl Limvere of Medina is listed as the initiative's chairmen. Attached is a copy of the proposed statutory initiative petition that includes a listing of the other sponsoring committee members.

The Secretary of State and Attorney General have five to seven business days to review the proposed petition and approve it for circulation. The review cannot be completed earlier than Thursday, April 1, 2004, or later than Monday, April 5, 2004.

**Timeline for Statutory Initiative Relating to
Genetically Modified Wheat**

Submitted to the Secretary of State for review and approval for circulation	March 25, 2004
Earliest Date Secretary of State can approve the petition's ballot title	April 1, 2004
Latest Date Secretary of State can approve the petition for circulation	April 5, 2004
Number of Signatures needed to place measure on ballot.	12,844
Latest filing date to place petition on November 2004 ballot	August 3, 2004
Contact persons for the sponsoring committee	Karl Limvere Chairman 210 College Street SE PO Box 725 Medina ND 58467 (701) 486-3369